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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: ACCRA 45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce the 45th annual ACCRA conference "Diversifying Your Economic Base" and the California State Roundtable Session "Building Partnerships for Regional Economic Analysis in California." The ACCRA is a national membership association supporting research on regional economies. The California State Roundtable session, on June 15, 2005, is in partnership with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division.

June 14–18, 2005

Windham San Diego at Emerald Plaza
San Diego, California

The goal of the ACCRA conference is to examine emerging and fast-growing industries that have propelled the San Diego region to international prominence- including health care, biotechnology, tourism, homeland security, and advanced manufacturing. The California roundtable session on June 15 will convene researchers and analysts from across California to share information about regional economic research underway, explore newly available local data about local economies, learn about new research tools such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping, and examine creative approaches for sharing regional economic analysis with policy makers.

Conference attendees will include local economic developers, chambers of commerce, federal and state agencies, applied academic researchers in economic development, utility professionals and real-estate research centers, regional planning organizations and workforce development boards.

For more information, including conference registration visit www.accra.org. Please register by May 13, 2005, to receive the best conference rate. The agenda for the California State Roundtable will be located on the ACCRA Web site under Pre-Conference Activities.

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